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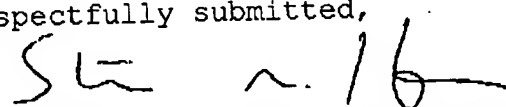
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 18, 2004, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of:

Group I - claims 1-27 drawn to a biased lever-actuated valve

An action on the merits of these claims is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

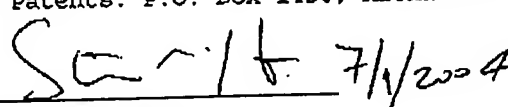
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